

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (New) A natural stone panel floor, comprising:

A plurality of stone panels (1) which are laid adjacent to each other with a distance therebetween;

wherein each of said stone panels has a groove (11) on lateral surfaces thereof;

wherein each of the stone panels have a chamfer (12) at corners thereof;

a plastic joint spacer (2) to be fixed between adjacent stone panels (1);

clamping crosspieces (20,21) extending out from longitudinal sides of the joint spacer (2) at a first end thereof;

wherein a second end of the joint spacer (2) has a softer and more flexible plastic thereon than that forming the joint spacer (2);

whereon the softer and more flexible plastic forms projections out from the longitudinal sides of the joint spacer (2);

wherein a top side of the clamping crosspieces (20,21) is a flat reference surface (22);

wherein a bottom side of said clamping crosspieces has conical retaining lamellas (23) formed thereon;

wherein when the clamping crosspieces of the joint spacer are engaged in opposite grooves of adjacent stone panels, the conical retaining lamellas (23) engage first

sides of the opposite grooves, short soft plastic knobs (24B) are injected between the reference surface of clamping crosspieces (20,21) and second sides of the opposite grooves, and the projections are fixed against opposite chamfers on the stone.

11. (New) The natural stone panel floor according to claim 10, wherein the grooves (11) are formed in the sides of each of the stone panel (1) to be opposite an adjacent stone panel.

12. (New) The natural stone panel floor according to claim 13, wherein the grooves (11) are 3 mm high and more than 6 mm deep.